

WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



CAPITOL HILL

ST. MARK'S MISSION STATEMENT

St. Mark's is an open community, welcoming people wherever they are on their faith journey. We celebrate the gifts of God that empower us to engage boldly in the struggles of life and to care for others with love, justice, and compassion.



THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

HOME, FAMILY, AND COMMUNITY THE TRANSFIGURATION

February 19, 2023

5:00 PM CONTEMPLATIVE
EUCCHARIST

Rector

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

Associate Rector

The Reverend Christopher Phillips

Deacon

The Reverend Thom Sinclair

Director of Youth & Family Ministries

Caleb Nelson Amaker

Director of Music

Jeff Kempskie

Welcome to St. Mark's Episcopal Church ☩ Capitol Hill

To view the **parish calendar online**, please visit our homepage www.stmarks.net and click "Calendar" at the top of the page.

Masks are optional at St. Mark's and you may continue to wear them during the service.

Hearing – Infrared headsets providing amplified sound are in the tract racks by the doors, or ask an usher.



During Epiphany, the **Epiphany Star** above the altar is a gift from Joya Cox, its creator. It is an icosahedron, a figure with 20 plane surfaces, each of which also serves as the base of a pyramid.

The bulletin cover art is a linocut entitled "Peace At Home" by artist Ken Swinson. Please visit his website, www.kenswinson.com, for more information.



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING SENTENCES

Arise, shine for your light has come,
And the glory of the Lord has dawned upon us.

The gates will always be open;
By day or night they will never be shut.

THE COLLECT

Let us pray:

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

You are invited to hold silence.

THE FIRST READING Exodus 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able.

THE GOSPEL Matthew 17:1-9

The Gospel of Jesus according to Matthew

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

The Gospel of Jesus.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

AFFIRMATION

I believe in the Source Eternal, the creator of the universe, who spoke, “Let there be light!” and there was light, setting in motion all of creation and blessing it to this day.

I believe in Jesus Christ, the Light that shines in the darkness; the darkness cannot overcome him. He manifests God in our midst, suffered under sin on the Cross, and lives as God’s saving grace.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the guiding light of God in our world, who conquers the darkness of human sin, helps people grow and become the images of God we are meant to be. I believe in the power of transformation, here in this world and in the world to come. Amen.

You are invited to hold silence.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, we may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory to the world.

Show us your mercy, O Lord;
And grant us your salvation.

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
Let your people sing with joy.

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
For only in you can we live in safety.

Lord, keep this nation under your care;
And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Let your way be known upon earth;
Your saving health among all nations.

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

*All may now offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud, ending with
“This is my prayer” to which all will respond “Amen.”*

Together, let us pray:
**Create in us clean hearts, O God;
And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

MISSION MOMENT: MIGRANT JUSTICE

THE PEACE

May the peace of God be with you.
And also with you.

All, one with another, exchange a sign of peace.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELECTRONIC OFFERING

Please consider supporting the work of the church. You may make an online gift, or learn about the other ways to give, by visiting the St. Mark’s website, stmarks.net, and choosing “Donate or Pledge” at the top.

Gifts to St. Marks can also be made by texting “stmarks20003” to 73256, or by visiting the QR code.



Thank you for your generous support of our collective work.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Child Jesus Christ.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for

you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Mother, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

Amen.

Please note that during the season of Epiphany, we will pray with the contemporary translation of the Lord's Prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as Jesus taught us, let us pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name;

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread,

And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil,

For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen.

THE FRACTION

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We recognize this as God's table set before us, and this bread and wine as God's food for us and for all. Therefore, whoever we are, from wherever we have come, and whatever we believe,

All are welcome and invited to receive. Amen!

THE COMMUNION

St. Mark's receives communion "in the round" as a symbol of our strong belief in the power of community. Please remain socially distanced from others for COVID protection.

You will be offered bread by a celebrant, which you may consume as usual. Please remain in place until the presider dismisses the group.

If you are uncomfortable receiving and consuming the host while standing close to others, please remain seated until the last circle has finished and then come forward to receive from the clergy.

*Please join us in the eating of the bread,
knowing this act of community is a full communion.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray, saying together:

Gracious God, you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood, and taught us to welcome one another. Send us out, renewed and knit together, to do the work you have set before us: to love and serve you and others in your name, with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us, be with you now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.



Liturgical Leaders and Worship Participants

**Presider & Preacher
Verger**

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan
Martha Huizenga

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**Coming Home: A Sermon Series for Epiphany examining themes of
Home, Family, and Community,
through the lenses of scripture and experience.
January 8 through February 19th**

Jan 8 ~ Christopher Phillips
Jan 15 ~ Joel Martinez
Jan 22 ~ Michele Morgan
Jan 29 ~ Thom Sinclair
Feb 2 ~ Patricia Catalano
Feb 12 ~ Christopher Phillips
Feb 19 ~ Michele Morgan



**Reminder that our Pilot Project for Worship Planning
will continue on March 5 and 12.**

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Liturgy Request

At St. Mark's, we frequently change the liturgy (the language we use during our worship service). Our goal is to use language that reflects our common effort to put into words our relationship with God. In order to keep the liturgy truly alive and life giving, we need your input. Please feel free to contact the clergy at any time to discuss the liturgy and how the words we say affect you.

Acknowledgements

Opening Sentences *Excerpt from the 3rd Song of Isaiah BCP p. 87 adapted.* The Collect; Alternative Collects For Years A, B & C Of The Revised Common Lectionary and Seasonal Prayers Over The Gifts And After Communion, Prepared By The Liturgy Task Force, Faith, Worship, And Ministry Committee Of The General Synod Of The Anglican Church Of Canada, Adapted Prayers of the People: Suffrages A, BCP, p. 97, adapted and BCP, Prayers of the People, Form IV, adapted. Blessing, *The Book of Common Prayer* of the Anglican Church of New Zealand, adapted. The Affirmation: BCP Scotland. Eucharistic Prayer & Dismissal, *The Book of Common Prayer*. Post-communion prayer, *Enriching Our Worship*, volume 1, adapted. Blessing based on Henri Frederic Amiel work.

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	Bill Jordan, <i>Asst. Treasurer</i>	
	Shay Waye, <i>Register</i>	

Diocesan Delegates

Tom Getman, Mary Neznok and Ruth Roman

The upcoming Vestry Meetings are held on Zoom on these dates.

Contact Michele for the link if you want to join us:

Tuesday 7pm on 2/28, 3/28, 4/25, 5/23, 6/27, 7/25

Cycle of Prayer

In the Diocese of Washington

Rosemont Center
Ash Wednesday (February 22)

Anglican Communion

Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

Parish Prayer List

Louise Abbot • Betsy Agle • Ben Alquiros • Nora Alquiros • Don Bennett
Pamela Blumgart • Joseph Boone • Fairfield Butt • Alexander Casadonte
Aldena Clifford • Deborah Cunningham • Mollie Falk • Shadi Khoury • Martin De Nys
Mary De Nys • Charley Donnelly • Pete Eveleth • Jim Kreger
Nat Marks • Taylor Emerson Marks • Steve Marshall
Pam Burton Moore • David Peterson • Sylvia Peterson • Joan Pierotti
Betty Wellman • Eleanor Whitman • Joel Wilson • May Yazawa • Tom Zarek

Parishioners who have died

Elizabeth Long

Parishioners and Family Members Serving in the Military

Chase Allen Ammon • Clint Billings • Jason Earnest

In order to keep the prayer list updated, we begin anew semi-annually.

If you would like to request to add a name, please email the

Bulletin Coordinator at bulletin@stmarks.net



Welcome Guests!

We'd like to get to know you better!

We invite you to fill out this page, tear it off, and drop it into the offering plate or hand it to one of the greeters as you leave. Please take the rest of this service bulletin with you, so that you can refer to the service schedule, and office directory.

We hope you feel at home with us. If you have questions, please speak with the clergy or one of the greeters after the service. You can also call the office at any time and we will be happy to help you in any way we can.

Thank you for visiting St. Mark's today.
Go in peace and return often!

I attended: _____ 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist
_____ Sermon Seminar
_____ 11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist
_____ 5 p.m. Contemplative Eucharist
_____ Special (wedding, funeral, etc.)

on February 19, 2023

Name _____

E-mail _____

Phone No. _____

Zip Code _____

I am interested in learning more about:

- _____ Volunteering during Worship (Usher, Lay Server, Altar Guild, etc.)
- _____ Baptism (child, adult)
- _____ Getting married at St. Mark's
- _____ Music (choir, lessons)
- _____ Children/youth classes & programs
- _____ Adult classes
- _____ Senior programs/activities
- _____ Outreach/community service
- _____ Environmental issues
- _____ Yoga classes
- _____ Dance classes
- _____ St. Mark's Players (theatrical productions)

Would you like to be contacted by a clergyperson? _____ Yes _____ No

You can stay up to date on St. Mark's news by signing up online for the weekly eGospel newsletter at www.stmarks.net/contact-us/. If you'd like to join the St. Mark's e-group to interact with other parishioners, please contact Raiford Gaffney (rgaffneydc@gmail.com).